

LAST RIDGE TOWN WON BY CANADIANS

Fall of Passchendaele Held to
Seal Fate of Roulers and
I-Boat Bases.

RESISTANCE DESPERATE.

Dash by Colonials Carries
Them Well Beyond Their
Objectives.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Passchendaele, on the point of the ridge northeast of Ypres, dominating the plains of Flanders, was taken by the Canadians to-day in a brilliant dash following a heavy bombardment. After capturing the town, Haig's men pushed on to the north 400 yards beyond its center, despite the fierce opposition of the Germans, who contested every foot of the way. Many German prisoners already have arrived in the cages and they still are coming.

Roulers, five miles to the east and in plain sight from Passchendaele, is laid over to the British guns by to-day's advance and it is difficult to see how the Germans can hold it under these circumstances. The civil evacuation of the city took place some time ago, but it may not be a vestige of the walls remains, for its surrender would mean the loss to the Kaiser of his chief bases for submarine operations, Ostend and Zeebrugge, as these places would be cut off from connection with the south.

There was desultory fighting at several points on the French part of the battle front, particularly south of St. Quentin and west of Auberville, and rather pronounced artillery activity in the Verdun sector, on the right bank of the Meuse.

Attack Early in Morning.

Following are the official reports:

British (Day).—An attack was launched at 6 o'clock this morning against the enemy's positions in the neighborhood of Passchendaele. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Yesterday evening Lincolshire troops raided German trenches in the neighborhood of Hulluch and brought back a few prisoners.

British (Night).—Operations were undertaken this morning by the Canadian troops with complete success against the enemy's defenses in and around Passchendaele and on the spur north northwest of the village. The assembly of our troops for the attack was carried out successfully. At 6 A. M. the assault was launched as arranged.

The enemy had been ordered to hold this important position on the main ridge at all costs. Hard fighting took place at a number of points, particularly on the high ground north of the village and for a collection of fortified buildings and strong points on Goeburg spur.

None the less our troops made steady progress, and at an early hour the village of Passchendaele was captured, together with the hamlet of Mosselmarkt and Goeburg. By midday all our objectives had been gained and a number of prisoners taken.

German (Day).—In Flanders, after a vigorous defensive fire which lasted all day, a severe artillery duel between yesterday evening, and the northern portion of the Yser lowland and the canal from Comines to Ypres continued undiminished during the night and increased to drumfire this morning from Houthulst Wood to Zandvoorde. Strong British infantry forces then attacked on both sides of Passchendaele and at the Ypres-Memlin road.

At other points on the western front, especially near St. Quentin, along the Ailette, on both banks of the Meuse, and in the Ardennes, the artillery fire increased in the evening to considerable intensity. Powerful enemy reconnaissances failed at many places with heavy losses.

German (Night).—Early attacks to-day by the English led throughout the day to fighting around Passchendaele. At Gheluvelt an enemy assault broke down without having achieved any success and with heavy losses.

French Surprise Germans.

French (Day).—We carried out several surprise attacks against the German lines, especially west of Auberville and south of St. Quentin. A German attack on our small posts west of Camille was repulsed.

On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the artillery fighting was rather vigorous in some sectors.

French (Night).—There was intermittent artillery fighting in the region north of the Chemin des Dames. It was very violent during the afternoon along the whole front of the Chaume Wood.

HIGH GROUND TAKEN.

Canadian Victory Gives Allies Advantage in Position.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 6.—Possession of Passchendaele, dominating Roulers and I-Boat Bases, gives the allied forces a firm footing on the series of great spurs extending from Gheluvelt on the south, including Belleu Spur and Passchendaele Ridge and running northeast for miles.

Its capture marks a great triumph in the long struggle to secure this higher ground. The Allies now have the advantage of position in the salient and have relegated the enemy to the lower levels, dominated by our guns.

Knowing too well the vital necessity of maintaining the Passchendaele position secure, Hindenburg, after the successful Canadian advance on Belleu Spur and the capture of Great Farm and Meethoele, issued a special army order commanding that Passchendaele should be held at all costs, and if lost must be retaken.

Best Enemy Troops Beaten.

For days the enemy had been rushing up guns and new formations of troops to insure his hold on the position. His efforts proved unavailing. The enemy's

best troops have given ground before our forces, who have moved steadily toward their objective since the beginning of the Passchendaele operations, October 23.

At 6 o'clock this morning our guns opened a tremendous barrage fire, and two minutes later men from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Western and Eastern Ontario were out of their shell holes and temporary mud wall trenches in an advance which by 7:30 o'clock had carried them beyond their objectives. It was an artillery and machine gun battle. For an hour and a half our guns were never silent.

Machine Gun Positions Taken.

Protected by a splendid barrage, our infantry moved slowly forward while our counter batteries dominated the enemy's guns and swept his assembled artillery positions with their fire. Details of the fighting are not yet to hand, but our forces on the right, plunging toward Passchendaele, have advanced well beyond the ruined village, overcoming the fortified enemy shell holes and concrete strong points in advance and capturing numerous machine gun positions which threatened our attack from the Passchendaele-Zonnebeke road to the village itself.

To the left our infantry met with desperate opposition seventy-five yards in front of Meethoele, where an enemy stronghold formed the key to a whole left position, as Meethoele is in our hands. Machine gun positions were determined resistance.

CAMPAIGN HATS GO.

Yankee Troops to Adopt Headgear Like That of French.

By the Associated Press.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Nov. 6.—The wide brimmed campaign hats have been abandoned by the United States Army for troops actually in the front.

In their place hats like the famous campaign hat of the French army have been adopted. Numbers of them have been purchased and hurried to the troops now in the trenches.

The new hat is a sort of forage cap, and arrangement made by sewing two heavy pieces of khaki cloth together with the seams front and back and adding to the sides other pieces of material which fold up on the side of the hat, or may be drawn down to cover the ears. The hat is most comfortable. It also can be rolled up to pocket size or worn under a shrapnel helmet.

The old campaign hat to fold was cumbersome for troops in the field and officers recommended a change. It was so unwieldy that some of the troops discarded it entirely when they were changing to the shrapnel helmet.

The campaign hat is still a favorite among the troops, but many officers are recommending its complete abandonment on the ground that it was designed for service in tropical countries and is unsuited for operations under present conditions.

YANKEE GUNS ACTIVE

Congressional Party Visits

Troops and Watches

Bayonet Practice.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 6.—The American soldiers wounded in the German raid on a trench last week are all doing well in the base hospital. Some of them are suffering from painful wounds.

Artillery fighting continued fairly active on the American sector to-day.

The American Congressional party visited to-day the zone in which the troops are billeted and are receiving war instruction. They first visited headquarters in the town, but did not meet Gen. Pershing, who is at present in Paris. They went to Major-General Albert's headquarters and were taken out to see the American troops in practice—going over the top, bayonet work on dummy Germans and an exhibition of their skill at sniping and with hand and rifle grenades, mortars and the smoke barrage. During the hand grenade instruction pieces flew close to the Congressmen, who were enthusiastic over the energy displayed by the troops, and when one Congressman called for three cheers for the boys the party cheered itself hoarse.

Later the visitors went among the troops shaking hands, chatting and asking questions regarding the training. They especially commented on the physical fitness and cheerfulness of the American soldiers. They were told of Saturday's trench fight, and each was presented with shell cases of the first day's artillery firing against the Germans.

The Congressional party came from Verdun, where they inspected the defenses and were entertained by the French commanders.

YANKEE GRIT SHOWN.

Bayonets, Pistols and Guns Used in

Fight Against Big Odds.

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 6.—Heroes were made in the initial clash between the American troops and the Germans. While the raid of the Germans cost the lives of three of our men, the wounding of five and twelve are reported as missing or captured, the first fight, small and unimportant as it was, it shows the steel courage of the Americans, their willingness to mix it with the foe, although outnumbered five to one, which in the estimated ratio as details of the "engagement" are gathered.

The truth is that fewer than forty Americans were attacked by a German raiding party of 250 men of the 1st and 2nd regiments. The Americans had the advantage of an artillery barrage before them. This same artillery smashed the trenches which sheltered the Americans, but the forty defenders put up a fight worthy of Americans, and inflicted losses as they in turn suffered. And the belief prevails to-day that the Germans, when they returned to their own trenches, were caught by their own machine guns.

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